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## City council to spend six million on landfill

### It may be unsafe, opposition councillors warn

BY NEAL COLGRASS

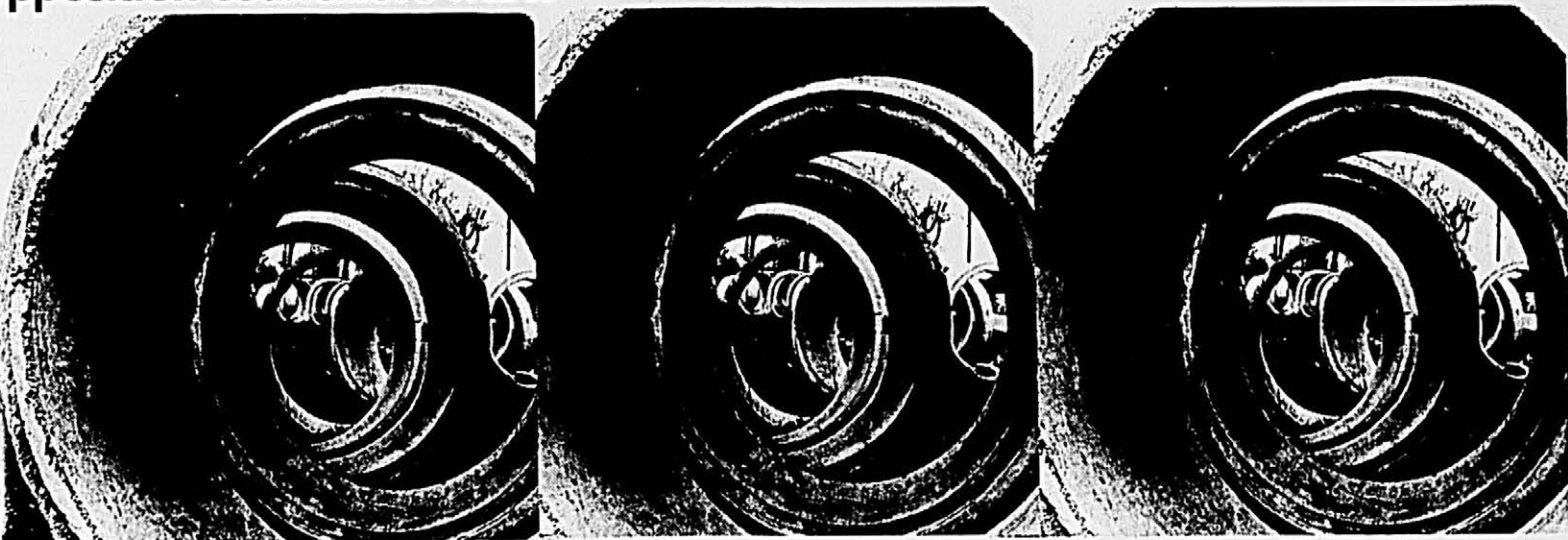
Montréal City Council approved \$6 million last week to continue its environmental protection system at the Miron landfill, despite fears that the system may be unsafe.

Most of the money is going toward the construction of a gas removal system, including 35 new wells, which will join Miron's existing 220 wells in sucking biogas out of the garbage and burning its dangerous components before setting it free into the air.

Democratic coalition councillor Marvin Rotrand called for an independent environmental examination of the site, but was voted down 36-5. According to Rotrand, "Miron only captures 60-70 per cent of the gases, and documents indicate that the city has not been telling the truth about dangers posed to the several hundred thousand people living in the adjoining area."

Pierre D'Amour, spokesperson for the dump site, said that "Mr. Rotrand has his agenda," and likened the small amounts of gas which escaped the system to the danger of a barbecue.

"Ninety-nine per cent of biogas,



you produce in your own body," D'Amour said. "So let's not go crazy. One per cent is questionable, organo-volatiles, in trace amounts. We're talking parts per trillion. It's like Star Trek."

But opposition councillors said they had serious misgivings.

"What got our attention," said Sam Boskey, independent councillor, "was that a man named Luc Filion died at Miron. What happened is unclear. He was employed by a contractor on the site, and he died of biogas poisoning."

But according to D'Amour, Filion climbed into an off-limits well where he had dropped a tool. The Commission de Santé et

Sécurité au Travail exonerated the city of all responsibility.

"We're not perfect," D'Amour said. "We have odours. But gas tests on emissions show nada, nothing, nyet, nil, no emissions."

Montreal bought the dump site from Miron in the mid-'80s. "Miron's system was hit and miss, environmentally," said D'Amour. "So we redesigned it to capture as much gas as we could."

This meant installing wells of granite containing plastic pipes, which sucked biogas out of the waste and passed it through portable flares. But a report in 1989 declared the system unsafe, and by 1992 the city had installed hotter

flares to destroy the gas' more dangerous components, known as organo-volatiles.

"Our goal was to capture 18 000 cubic feet per minute of gas, and now we're getting 17 300," said D'Amour. "Shit, we're not that far off!" But 24 580 cubic feet of gas was still passing through the system each minute, which meant that 30 per cent of it was rising into the atmosphere over St. Michel.

"That 30 per cent is a very limited amount," D'Amour said. "Other landfills, in California, New York and Toronto, are considered 'in control', even though they only capture 60 to 65 per cent."

But Rotrand said the system's

transgressions are more serious.

In November 1991, a consultant's report warned that some of the pipes had broken. When a lowered video camera confirmed the report, "the City admitted it had abandoned the system," said Rotrand.

A later report by TecSult also deemed the system unsafe, and recommended the city rebuild it at a cost of \$8 million.

Rotrand said the executive council of the city has expressed a greater interest in turning the biogas into electricity.

"They want to sell electricity. They could be putting in invisible flame flares, which burn gas at the necessary 1000 degrees, but they want to try to make money first. Meanwhile, nothing is happening."

Richard Brunelle, who controls the project for the Montréal Citizens' Movement (MCM), refused to speak to the *Daily*.

But D'Amour maintained that two of the invisible flame flares are already in operation at Miron, and that more would follow. "If we put more of those flares in now, it would cost an arm and a leg."

Kim Nguyen, an engineer at Morin for twelve years, recently complained about the system's efficacy. "But a sweeter report was given in under Nguyen's name," said Rotrand. "He got gagged by the city, his pay increase was taken away, and he was moved to Water Works, where he has no experience."

D'Amour did not want to comment on the matter, but said he did not find it strange that an engineer would be moved to work in an unfamiliar area. "There are certain laws of physics and chemistry," D'Amour said. "If he's limited in his expertise, it's his problem."

Before rising to power, the MCM party program called for closing down the environmentally dangerous Miron site. "Then they decided to postpone the closure until 1994," said Boskey. "And now they're considering leaving it open for as long as 15 years."

## Protesters harass South African speaker

### Racists not welcome at Concordia

BY JOSEPH MONAHAN

South African National Party member Allan Moore got more than he bargained for when he visited Concordia to speak. When he began his speech, a group of anti-apartheid activists jeered and chanted "Racists not welcome here!"

Most of the thirty-five protesters who crowded the corridor of the seventh floor of Concordia's Hall Building belonged to anti-apartheid organizations such as the Anti-Apartheid Committee, the Umoja-African Students Union and the International Socialists.

The talk, sponsored by the Concordia International Business Association (CIBA) was originally promoted as a speech on "Investment Opportunities in South Africa." The *Daily* has a copy of the original poster. At the last minute, the title of the speech was changed to "Democracy in South Africa."

Hall confronted the protesters with a fresh poster with the new title, stating that the speech was

only about democracy, and then denied having changed the title of the speech.

A student approached him and asked, "By encouraging investment in South Africa, do you know you are making a double insult on the second day of Montréal's Black History Month?"

Dee Smith, president of the Caribbean Student Union said, "It is outrageous that they are trying to cover up investment with democracy," said Dee Smith, president of the Concordia Caribbean Student Union. "If it is simply democracy, why was he invited by the International Business Association and not by the Political Science Association?"

Concordia student Nahji said he missed class to attend the protest.

"They're trying to change the image of South Africa to increase investment — and that means investment in a government that will continue to oppress the people."

Hall initially refused to allow the protesters to enter the lounge, eventually decided to let them come in. Only four other people came to the speech. Concordia Security warned



Anti-apartheid activists crowd around speaker

the students to refrain from distributing their pamphlets entitled "South Africa: Don't Invest in Racism," threatening to call the police if they continued their protest.

Moore's speech angered many of the spectators. He stated that it was time to acknowledge that democracy should be encouraged and not discouraged in South Africa. But he added, "democracy would not eliminate the poor nor their

problems." Protesters interrupted him with chants and questions, such as "Do you believe in one person, one vote?"

What disturbed many of the protesters was that he was insensitive to the historical racial problems of South Africa. At one point he said "Blacks were not slaves, but only servants to the European colonists — the Europeans were able to give them a touch of their culture."



## Tuition doubles for McGill Medical residents

BY CAROLINE BUTLER

Eva Barbara Wesolowska will find it hard to make ends meet next year. As a McGill medical resident at Montréal General Hospital, she is faced with a tuition increase of over 200 per cent, effective July 1 1993.

"It will be so tight that it will be impossible," said Wesolowska, a mother of two and whose husband is temporarily unemployed.

A government directive from the Ministry of Education dated May 21st 1992 changed the fee structure for post-medical school students doing their residency in Quebec from a lump sum to a credit based system.

McGill residents currently pay a tuition of approximately \$1200, but after July they will be billed per credit at the same rate as McGill undergraduates. The residents have a 52 week academic year and the resulting 52 credits will cost them approximately \$2600.

International student tuition will increase from approximately \$3500 to \$11300. Residents receive salaries from the Ministry of Health ranging from \$33 264 for a first year resident to \$51 796 for residents in some six year programs.

Jean-Marc Robichaud of the Ministry of Education said "The increased tuition income will be the property of the university." Each university will retain the right to decide on the rate per credit and the semester dates.

McGill residents can expect to pay this tuition for up to six years. After medical school (which can be four or five years in length), prospective doctors must spend between two and six years in residency at a hospital.

During this time they attend classes and gain experience in patient treatment by doing different rotations within the departments of the hospital. Approximately one quarter of residents choose the two year family medicine program, and the remainder specialize in various other programs of four to six years residency.

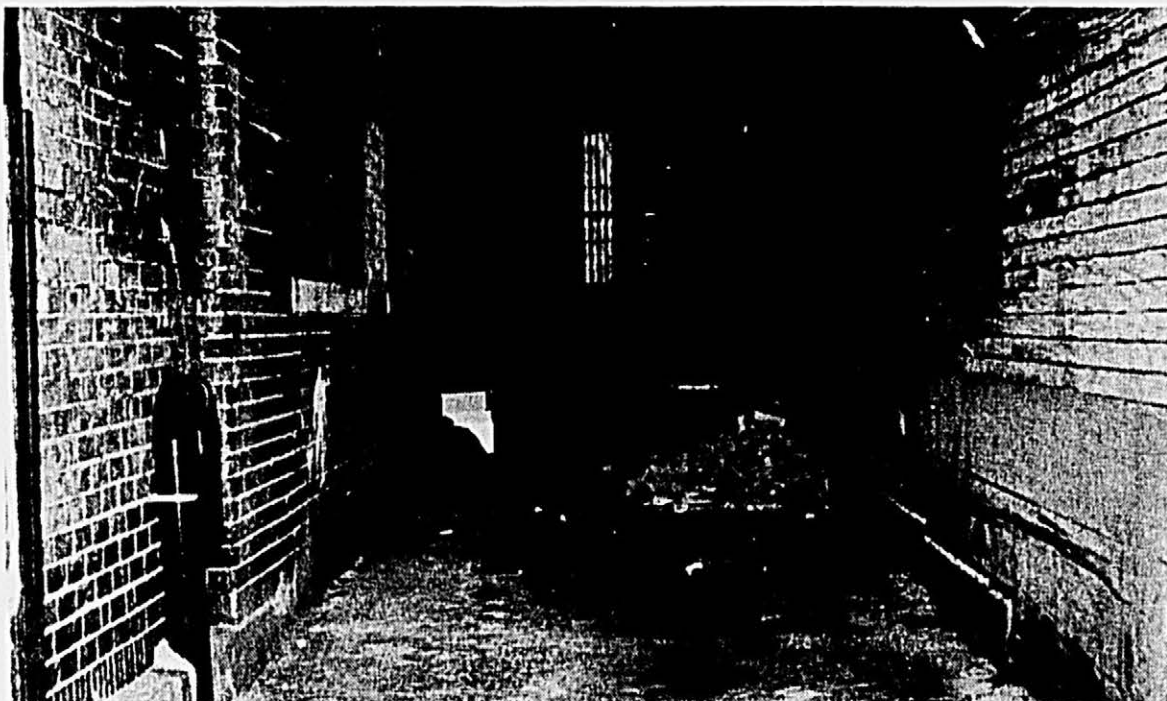
Medical residents are paid for their services by the hospital through the Ministry of Health. The Ministry, the Association of Hospitals and the Federation of Medical Residents of Quebec have been renegotiating the resident salaries since July 1989 and the last pay increase became effective January 1st of this year.

Despite pay increases, some residents will find the tuition structure change and subsequent fee increase a heavy burden to bear.

Dr. Wesolowska was sympathetic to other residents in similar predicaments. "I know I am an extreme case but I know many married residents and some also have children."

The average age of medical residents is 27. Although many are still single and able to live comfortably on the difference between tuition and salary, those with dependents like Dr. Wesolowska will find it much more difficult to find the extra tuition money.

Wesolowska is a fourth year medical biochemistry resident with 1.5 years left in her program and must pay an extra \$2100 over that time period. "The pay raise means little after taxes and with daycare, rent and car payments, it will be completely impossible," she said.



The alley

## Jazz bands clash with alley management

BY JOSEPH MONAHAN

Jazz students who have been regular performers at the Alley are embroiled in a dispute with the new Marriot management. The issue exploded Thursday night when the Alley refused to pay the houseband. Glen Cheverie, the manager of the Alley, sent a letter to the SSMU stating "the one hundred dollars from us is no more."

The jazz musicians entered into a verbal agreement with the Alley in September to play live music six nights per week and to be paid one hundred dollars for three of those nights. Because of this agreement, the SSMU has forced the Alley management to enter into discussions which will concern other working conditions as well as payment of the musicians.

The year has been filled with aggravation for Alley employees, clientele, and especially musicians who perform jazz music in the Alley

six nights per week. Most of the critics draw stark comparisons between this year and last. Christine Jenson, a piano player who performs at the Alley, criticized the atmosphere.

"The Alley is understaffed this year, and it's a mess — I found a muffin on the stage!" she said.

Michelle Wouters, who went to the Alley Friday night to hear the Joel Miller Quintet, expressed the sentiment of many clients present. "We are treated abominably, not like at a normal bar. At 12:30 they turn the lights on and yell 'get out!'" she said.

But Cheverie noted that the Alley lost money last year.

"Everyone wants to compare the way things are going this year with the way things went last year. Sure, it was better last year because there was more money and more workers in the Alley," he said. "But no one mentions that Scotts suffered a huge loss at the Alley last year." Marriot took over management of

the Alley in September of 1992.

As far as efforts to improve business, Cheverie said he would have nachos at the bar beginning this week, (the result of a meeting with SSMU) but as for any larger improvements, he said, "spending money to create money does not work in this situation, as last year proved."

Martijn van Galen, representing the jazz students at the SSMU, said he is looking for a positive solution with Cheverie, one that would suit both sides. He added that it is difficult to place all of the blame for the recent developments on the side of the management, and warned that doing so might aggravate the situation and affect the current talks between SSMU and management.

As a way of keeping the Alley economically afloat Cheverie wants to diversify the entertainment. But students are concerned that there is too much emphasis on money and statistics and not enough about the cultural value of the live jazz music.

### Events

McGill Improv in the Alley — 19h30 (before Jazz) — FREE  
Christ at McGill: Prayer and worship. Everybody is invited. Leacock 132. 19h30.

Inter-Faith Dialogue: student discussion on "Views of God". Birks Bldg. 3520 University Ave Drop-In Centre. Everyone welcome. 12h30-13h30. For info: 398-4104.

Lunch hour film: "Fair Trade", an examination of women's efforts to enter the marketplace in Tanzania. Centre for Developing-Area Studies, 3715 Peel. 12h35.

McGill Students for Literacy holds their first Annual Learner Awards Night. RVC West Lounge, 19h30. Learners and tutors welcome. For info: 398-5100.

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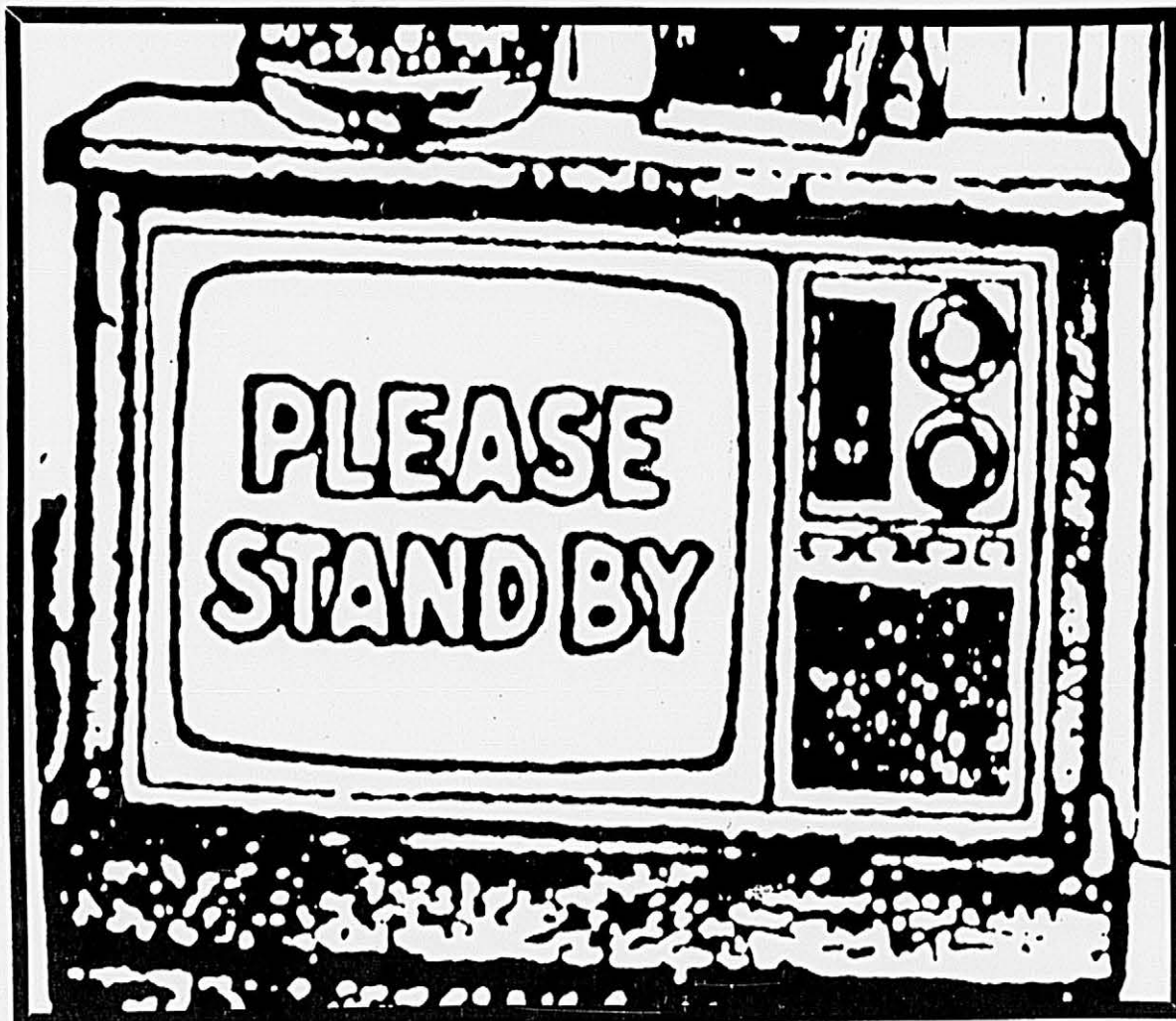


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# Residence fee hike to go ahead

BY JONATHAN DESBARATS

Last ditch attempts aimed at avoiding proposed residence fee hikes were squandered on Monday. At a meeting of the Committee for the Coordination of Student Services residence sub-committee, administrators slashed an alternative budget plan formulated by Arnold Kwok, the Students' Society representative to the committee.

Kwok's new budget involved cuts in smaller areas such as laundry services and window cleaning. It also proposed generating revenue by raising summer rents.

But administrators claimed Kwok's plan was unworkable, and refused to consider any of the suggestions made.

"You can't cut arbitrarily," said Flo Tracy, director of residence. "Based on years of experience we know what works," she said.

"Asking for a low increase is destructive," said Irwin Gopnik, dean of students. "Students are too idealistic and reactionary." He called their attempts to avoid residence fee hikes a "tax revolt", and said that the proposed increases were



too low in his opinion.

"This 2.5 per cent increase is too low," he said. "I can't think of anything more socially irresponsible than opposing this low of an increase," said Gopnik.

The student representatives on the committee urged administrators to consider the proposal, and complained of rising costs of living for students.

"It's getting very hard for students to afford living in residence," said Matt Paterson, president of Molson Hall. "The university should kick in some money," he said.

The committee, of six administrators and five student representatives, voted against Kwok's proposal. But even if the motion had passed, the committee is only an advisory committee, and Dean Gopnik makes the final recommendation to Senate.

Students expressed their frustration at having little real influence in budgeting matters, and said that they were not given enough budget information to be able to properly consider the 1993-94 residences budget proposed by administrators.

"The summary of budget information provided is insufficient for

a committee like this," said Kwok. "I would like a preliminary budget information with more detail and breakdown."

But Gopnik complained that detailed information costs money to provide and causes problems for the administration.

"We can't be put in a position where our accountants are getting micro-managed by students," he said. "You have to respect professionals and you can't go peering over their shoulders because you will destroy morale."

Kwok said that this places students in an impossible situation.

"How should we respond to this? On one hand, students are being asked to be fiscally responsible, on the other hand, we are asked not to worry about details," he said.

The debate over the provision of accurate budget information is an issue which has been raised by students in other advisory committees on campus.

Student representatives on the Committee for the Coordination of Student Services (CCSS) were recently involved in a battle with administrators on the CCSS, in an attempt to receive line item budget information. Students on the CCSS are trying to avoid an increase in student services fees for next year.

Last year, student representatives on the committee complained that administrators didn't consult them properly, and walked out of senate in protest.

Student representatives on the CCSS residence sub-committee are trying to avoid this lack of communication.

"If I didn't have this counter proposal the committee may have been reduced to adopting a rubber stamp procedure," said Kwok.

## Mayor hates casino — refuses to pay Deadlock on police funding for casino

BY HASAN KARRAR

Provincial and municipal governments are at odds over who will foot the bill for extra policing around a planned casino.

"An additional two to six million will be required to counter the hike in crime rate," said Peter Yeomans, mayor of Dorval and chair of the Public Security Commission. While the casino will employ its own personnel for security inside the casino, the Montréal Urban Community (MUC) police will be required to counter problems such as loan sharking and prostitution taking place outside.

Plans for opening the casino were announced by the provincial government in mid December. It will be managed by Société Casino du Québec which is a subsidiary of Loto Québec. The casino, equipped with gambling arrangements for 1500 people, is due to open in late summer.

"Loto Québec will have to pay from their profits," Yeomans said. "The money will not come out of the tax payers' pockets." Loto Québec representatives will be meeting soon with the MUC and the provincial government to decide who will foot the bill for the additional policing.

Loto Québec representative Jean-Pierre Roy agreed the casino might lead to minor social difficulties. "Incidents do occur in places like Atlantic City and other cities of Europe where there are casinos.



We expect to reach a favourable decision with the authorities in the near future."

Roy was optimistic about the future success of the casino, and said it would contribute to the economic recovery in Montréal. "The tourism possibilities are immense. Montréal has a lot of attractions to offer such as shows, festivals, cultural activities and restaurants. The casino will be an added service to the community."

The casino will directly employ 700 people plus another 150 to staff the restaurants. Loto Québec expects the Casino will pay the government a dividend of close to 50 million dollars beginning in the first full year of operation.

But Yeomans is skeptical about its impact on the community. "The

casino is a provincial government scheme which is being injected into the people. Its going to suck money from an already diminished economy," he said. "I really can't see the benefits."

Jeff Kelley, a spokesperson for the Minister of Public Security, pointed out that the site of the Casino was chosen with great care. "The site of Ile Notre Dame was selected primarily because of the fact that it's an isolated location and away from the major business centres," he said. "It will be comparatively easier to keep an eye on things."

He said risks always come up in these kinds of operations but added that there is no evidence that trouble is inevitable.

## Students' Society proposes debt repayment plan

Nearly half a million owed to McGill

BY JONATHAN DESBARATS

The Students' Society is trying to find ways to repay their huge debt to McGill university. At last week's council meeting, vp finance Susan Nickerson presented a new debt repayment plan.

An auditor's report in January revealed that the SSMU has accumulated a debt of nearly \$500 000 owed to McGill.

The proposed plan will involve a \$5 increase to Students' Society fees, which would generate \$300 000 over the next four years. The remainder of the debt would be generated by SSMU profits.

Some councillors were concerned about placing the burden of the debt on students.

"Students are facing increases in tuition fees, possibly student services fees, and now possibly student society fees," said Robert Valdmanis, Senate board rep for the Students' Society. He noted that students are having more problems earning money.

Some councillors suggested revenue generating possibilities, which could help lighten the load on students.

"We could consider leasing out Sadie's to be guaranteed a fixed income instead of losing money each year," said Edward Saad, Clubs rep. Sadies lost \$16 000 last year.

But there was some concern among councillors that leasing Sadies could result in the closing of less profitable satellites.

"When Sadie's was brought in, it was intended as a guaranteed service," said Nickerson.

The new plan will be proposed to students as a referendum question in conjunction with SSMU elections in March.

Students just recently finished helping to pay off SSMU's last debt. In May of 1985, students agreed to pay four dollars per semester towards Students' Society debts over a period of four years.



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## Not to be forgotten

On Monday, Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister of the state of Israel, made a concession to the United States to take back 100 of the Palestinians that were expelled to a no man's land in southern Lebanon on December 17. The Palestinians who have attracted worldwide attention and sympathy are refusing to comply. "All of us, or none of us" is the defiant stance they have taken.

The decision to deport these men exposed the merciless Israeli regime to an onslaught of public and private condemnation which was long overdue. How many of us, distracted by the occupation of Kuwait and the incursions of the Serbs, have forgotten about the occupied territories of the West bank and the Gaza strip?

The more than 400 Palestinians expelled from the occupied territories were considered to be a security risk by the permanently petrified Israeli regime. A day before the expulsion order was issued, an "extremist Islamic faction" known as Hamas claimed responsibility for killing 5 Israeli servicemen. Israel claims that the victims of the expulsion were members and sympathizers of Hamas.

Those responsible for the killings should have been brought to trial and sentenced. But Israel ignored normal legal procedure. Instead of allowing these 400 men to explain the extent of their involvement, Israeli officials amassed "as many of the group's members and sympathizers as possible," and deported them.

Funny how in some instances the Israelis smugly find justification in legal judgments. Thursday's decision by the Israeli High Court of Justice upheld the legality of the expulsion—an ephemeral boon for besieged Rabin.

But Rabin has found the American pressure stressful. It dawned in him that the new American president may not be overly anxious to use his veto in the United Nations' Security Council to prevent sanctions being imposed upon Israel.

Quite likely, Rabin's arbitrary decision to permit only 100 of the expellees back into Israel will get him off the hook.

The United States and the United Nations will heave a sigh of relief and go back to coordinating the new world order.

And once again it is the Palestinians who must stand up for themselves in a world that has largely forgotten about their plight. If 100 men had jumped at Israel's offer, and abandoned their comrades in their barren, inhospitable open-air prison the issue would've died. But they're hanging on to the hope that the world will still notice them. And that some of Israel's abuses of human rights will be exposed at the same time.

Kathy Bunka

## Letters

### More open than the Daily

To the Daily,

As a member of P.C. McGill and someone who worked extensively on the production of the last *Bluenotes*, I take great exception to your editorial "Colorado here we Come", of January 27.

If you were to report objectively and temporarily drop your attitude of not letting the facts get in the way of a good story, you would have noted that on page 2 of the same *Bluenotes* contained an advisory that the opinions expressed throughout the newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of P.C. McGill or the Progressive Conservative party of Canada.

However, these do represent her views, which are in fact, shared by other members of P.C. McGill and the country at large. This is not the

place for me to condemn or support them, but let me remind you that name calling and slandering the author are weak alternatives to a well-reasoned refutation of the article.

The *Bluenotes* provides a forum for lively debate and many perspectives. Articles both to the Left and the right of party policy appear in these newsletters, and we are indeed proud that we can give platform for many different views.

In accusing us of intolerance, you commit one final error. Intolerance is the suppression of ideas contrary to one's own. And in this regard, the *McGill Daily* has a long history of intolerance, while the *Bluenotes* has once again shown its willingness to consider many viewpoints.

Nick Benedict  
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## Idiocy of condemning Israel Week

opinion by Ian R. Hay

It seems amazing that an Israeli cultural exhibition can produce so much political debate.

One would suppose that the vast collection of Israel-haters at this university would have preferred an Israel Week whose theme was "this is our culture, this is our food, this is how we dance and, oh, by the way, we booted out 415 poor Palestinians last month and are now the enemy of all that is good and oppressed and UN-smiled-upon." The idiocy of condemning the Israel Week organizers for "ignoring the plight of the Palestinian deportees" needs no explanation here. But an examination of the deportation itself evidently does.

There seems to prevail some mild confusion as to who these poor, downtrodden deportees are. To continually refer to them as merely supporters or sympathizers of the Muslim fundamentalist group Hamas, unfortunately for the journalists and commentators covering the Middle East who insist on identifying them this way, falls a touch shy of reality.

Whoever it was who shoved the *What You Didn't Know About Hamas* leaflets into last Monday's

*Daily* knows who they are. (These leaflets aroused a considerable amount of protest for what amounted to a list of facts that anybody who's read their ABCs of Mid-East terror organizations knows are indisputable. Were the leaflets uncouth? Perhaps. Were they untrue? Not a chance).

These 415 deportees are — let's get this straight — high ranking members, organizers, and strategists of Hamas, an organization that is against the peace talks, devoted to the destruction of Israel, including those of six Israeli soldiers last year, and, for the above reasons, will not listen to diplomacy. Whatever one thinks of Shin Bet (Israeli domestic intelligence), they aren't incompetent — they know who they're dealing with.

So Israel kicked these religion-dizzy uncompromising cut-throats out. Should they have been put in jail? I can hear the deafening applause now. I also have visions of PBS specials on the oppression of Israeli detention camps. Lebanon won't take them, and nobody seems to be asking them to — goodness, that would throw off the precarious social and political balance there.

(We'd all much rather have them planning ways of killing Jews than being a demographic nuisance. But Israel's natural right to deal with its criminal and seditious elements as a sovereign state is irrelevant. Israel broke international law. Israel is ignoring UN resolutions. Why does Israel defy that beloved, revered institution, the UN?)

Why does Israel seem to ignore and distrust an institution primarily comprised of undemocratic states with unelected leaders, Petro-bribed by the Arab world since 1973, from 1967 to 1990 scared into submission by the Soviet Union, always ready to denounce any Israeli action—including rescuing its citizens from terrorists and hijackers—as "Zionist aggression", which for 18 years officially registered their national philosophy as "racist", which is consistently anti-Western, bent on denouncing anything that promotes democracy (election observers, condition-attached aid) as "imperialist", and has no moral authority without US backing anyhow?

Don't ask the deportees.

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.



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# FANATICAL CULT OPERATING IN MONTREAL

## LOOKIN' FOR SOME SPIRITUALITY?

**I**f it could happen to me, it could happen to anyone," said McGill student Darren Becker, smiling at his use of a well known cliché. Becker described the subtle process by which he got involved in a religious cult called The Church of Christ.

"I'd just got back from a wild summer in Paris, and I was looking for some spirituality," said Becker. But the indoctrination Becker experienced when he began attending the Church of Christ bible studies never alerted him to the psychological manipulation of which he now feels a victim.

There are several branches of the Church of Christ. The Boston Church of Christ is a fanatical congregation that broke away from its fundamentalist counterparts in 1979. It has set up congregations in Toronto, and established itself in Montréal during the past summer. Becker got involved in the fanatical sect in September through his then-girlfriend.

Because an emotional attachment to his girlfriend, Becker was open to the Biblical teachings and church activities. Everyone in the church was very friendly when they met Becker, calling him an "awesome guy". He decided to attend the six Bible studies that led to baptism and official membership.

The six studies could be spread over any period. "You could decide your entire lifestyle and religion in six days or six weeks, but they prefer to move as quickly as possible," said Becker.

### "WHO IS JESUS?"

**T**he first study Becker attended was called "Who is Jesus?", and was a straightforward "history" lesson. A member of the church took notes for Becker so he could study them at home. The material was interesting, and it seemed harmless to continue attending the lessons. But by the fourth class, Becker's family had begun to notice drastic changes in his personality.

"I was always a bit of a 'party guy'. A drinker and a smoker with a quick temper. Suddenly my brother,

who I'm close to, realised I'd stopped drinking, was spending a lot of time in my room reading the Bible, and was calm all the time. These may sound like positive changes, but I was changing for the wrong reason - I was doing it for God, something I couldn't see, instead of for the people around me".

The fourth Bible study, called "Lights and Darkness", was the lesson during which Becker felt The Church of Christ accumulated the material it needed to pinpoint the weaknesses in his character and to use them against him. "The 'Lights' part was all positive, about all the nice things that would happen to you if you became a child of God. The 'Darkness' part was something else. I found myself confessing all my past 'sins' - of drinking, my temper. You confess your whole life and they write all of it down. If you don't become baptised they say you're going to hell, you're lost".

Becker is Jewish, and he thinks he was deluged with attention because of how good it would have been for the church to be able to claim a Jewish convert. "They would call me up at work and ask what I was doing Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday". He described his participation in an "intense activity", during which the sins of church members were read aloud, and for every sin a nail was hammered into a piece of wood. "They were re-enacting the crucifixion", he said.

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### DISTURBING DISCIPLERS

**R**oberta Clair, of the McGill Chaplaincy, described some aspects of cultish groups that potential members should watch for: "If they start to demand money, if they have an 'us against the world' attitude, if they begin to restrict access to friends and family, if involvement affects your work habits, you should be careful," she said.

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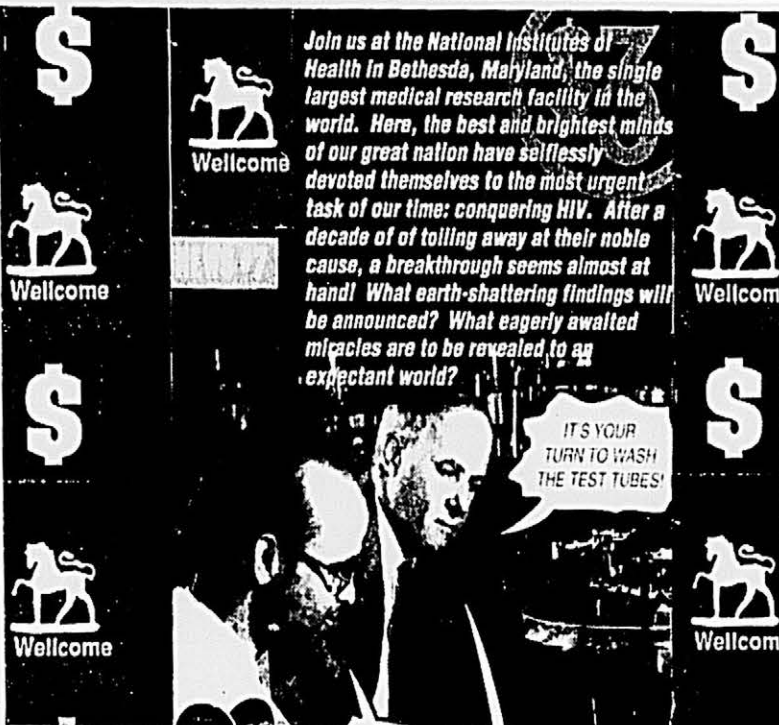
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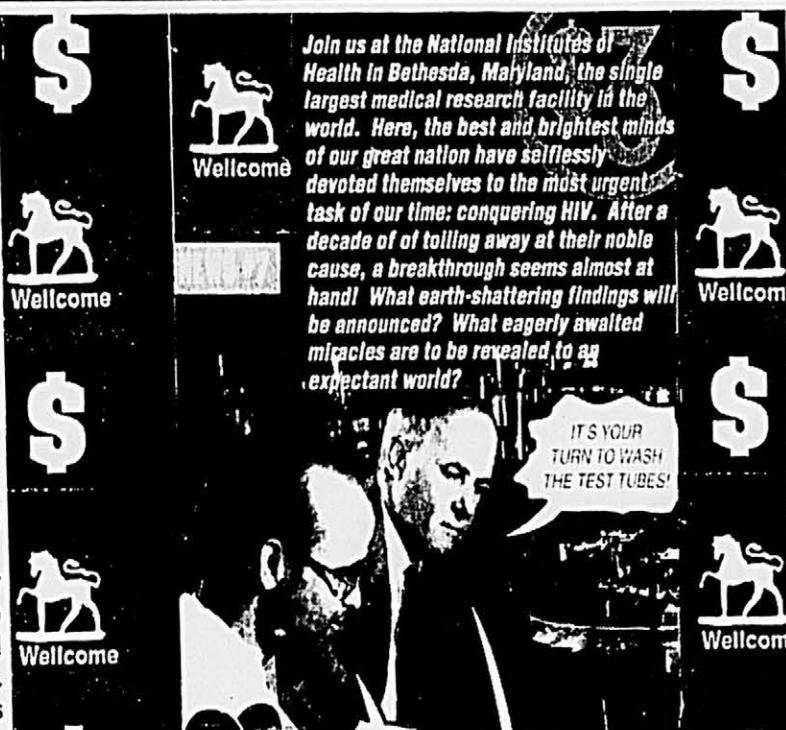
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"What steps have been taken to inform the students that costs are going up?" said Julie Dzerowicz, Students' Society VP internal.

Dubeau said there were built in mechanisms to ensure students are informed, and it is up to student

representatives such as the VP internal to make sure they work.

Councillors agreed to send a letter to the Building and Property Committee of the Board of Governors, urging the committee to "permit construction of phase two of the athletics complex to begin immediately".



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